



EXHIBIT A

096990-026-157

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

WEI, Guang-Xue et al.

Serial No.: 09/710,510

Filed: November 9, 2000

For: FLUORESCENT POLYMER
ARTICLES FABRICATED FROM U.V.
LIGHT ABSORBING POLYMER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, immediately after the title, please insert the following sub-heading and paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO CO-PENDING APPLICATIONS

Reference is made to the following applications, each of which is co-pending with the instant application: U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/247,438, filed November 9, 2000; U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/247,439, filed November 9, 2000; U.S. Serial No. 09/710,560, filed November 9, 2000; and U.S. Serial No. 09/709,921, filed November 10, 2000.

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